

A True  
RELATION  
Of several most Barbarous and  
Bloudy Murthers,  
In several Countries in  
IRELAND;

As they were Abstracted out of certain Examinations  
taken by several Commissions, under the Great  
Seal of *IRELAND*.

With a LETTER of Mr. *Tennison*, Minister, written to a  
great Lord, concerning several Murthers and Massacres  
Committed there.

---

L O N D O N,

Printed for *J. Conyers*, at the sign of the *Black Raven*  
near *St. Andrews Church* in *Holborn*.



# COLLECTION

Of several Cruel and

# Bloudy Murthers

A N D

M A S S A C R E S

Committed in

I R E L A N D :

Abstracted out of several Examinations taken out of  
several Commissions under the great Seal of *Ireland*.

**I**N the County of *Dublin*, the Wife of *Joseph Smithson*, Minister, was conveyed from *Deans Grange*, near *Dublin*, to *Powerscourt*, and there she and her Servant were hanged.

*Mr. Maudley* was hanged at *More Town*.

*William Runner*, a Pacquet Post, and *Mr. Pardoe*, a Minister, were murdered ; *Mr. Pardoe* was after cast upon a Dunghill, and his Head eaten by Swine.

*Nicholas Kerdise* murdered near *Dublin*.

One *Mr. Maghan*, Captain *O Monighan*, sporting himself with thrusting a wooden Broach into the Fundament of an English-man, then driving him about the Room with a Joint-stool, being much affected at the miserable Gestures of the poor Man so tormented, the said *Mac Maghan*, and his Confederates, at a Feast after Dinner, had an English-man bound before them, and at each Health end every one gave him a

Wound, after which they cast him upon a Dunghill, where, languishing, he dyed.

Cornet *Clinton* and his Grand-child drowned, and many others murdered.

The Deponent's Husband, and thirty others by name, and divers others, that the Deponent remembreth not their Names, all murdered in *Farney*, two of them so antient that they went upon Staves.

Many Protestants were driven to a Bridge in the County of *Caven*, and there drowned.

A Scotch-man, an English-man, and a Welsh-man, Imprisoned in Stocks, where they lay without Breeches upon raw Hides, that their Joints rotted; insomuch that when two of them were afterwards hanged one of their feet fell off their Ankle. This is attested by *William Gore*.

Fourscore forced to go on the Ice on *Lough Earn*, till they brake the Ice and were drowned. Attested by *Peter Hill Esq*;

*Mr. Tudge*, the Minister of *Newry*, and Lieutenant *Trever*, and his Wife, and twenty four more were murdered and cut in Pieces. Attested by *Peter Hill Esq*.

*Mr. Starkey*, above an hundred years of age, had his two Daughters stript naked, the Daughters enforced to lead their Father, he not being able to goe of himself; and having gone three quarters of a mile, were all three thrown into a Turf-pit. Attested by *Dr. Maxwell* and *Capt. Perkins*.

*William Mac Kemy*, and his Mother-in-law, and his Wife great with Child, were murdered; his said Wife having her Belly ript up, and the Child cut out of her Womb. This is attested by *Anne Dutton* and *Ralph Dutton*, in the County of *Donnegall*.

By the special command of *Sir Phelarn O Neale*, *Mr. James Maxwell* Lieutenant, was dragged out of his Bed in the heighth of a burning Feavour, and driven two miles and murdered; his Wife great with Child stript stark naked and drowned in the *Black Water*, the Child half born. This is attested by *Dr. Maxwell* and *John Pary*.

Many were burned in the Church of *Black Water*; the Wife of *Arnold Taylor*, great with Child, had her Belly ript up, then drowned; *Robert Mason* was likewise buried alive. This is attested by *Elizabeth Price*.

Seventeen Men, Women and Children, cast into a Bog-Pit. Attested by *Robert Green*.

One hundred and fourscore drowned at twice, at the Bridge of *Callon*. Attested by *Capt. Stratford*.



One Mr. Gabriel, Constable, and his Mother eighty years old Murthered, attested by Joan Constable.

A Letter of Mr. Richard Tennison, Minister, written to a Lord, concerning several Bloudy Murthers.

Right Honourable and my Noble Lord,

I According to your Lordships desire, have fully enquired into the Murther of Mr. Thomas Presslick, a rich Sadler at Trim, and have received this dismal Relation thereof from two of his Children, and one Jane Tucker then present with him, and several others now living here, that in the first Year of the late horrid Rebellion, about a Month before Christmas, one Miles Reyley, and Captain Betaagh, with many of the Irish under their Command, came to the personage Castle of Trim, in which Mr. Thomas Presslick, a very strickt and Religious Protestant of great and good Repute then lived, into which, many other Protestants had then and there fled for safety; the said Reyley and the Irish Rebels demanding entrance into the Castle; and being denied entrance, they burnt the House adjoined to the Castle, out of which all the people fled to the Turrets of the Castle, and the above-mentioned Jane Tucker seeing some of the Irish getting up the Castle, and fearing they would throw her into the Fire, leapt off from the top of the Wall upon the Ground; and though she was then with Child, the said Child is now living, and the Turret very high, she received no hurt; a little before she saw and heard Mr. Presslick praying very fervently in the Turret, begging strength of God to go through the fiery Tryall, and ending his Prayer, he declared his willingness to die for the Protestant Religion, and encouraged them all to do the like; upon which, some of the said Irish got immediately into the Turret, swearing they would kill him, unless he would go to Mass; he with a Christian Courage, told them he would not forsake Christ for fear of Death; they then in a great Fury, made him pull off his Shoes and Stockings, and thrust him down a pair of Stairs, the Stones of which were red hot with Fire, which he patiently suffered, saying, That Christ had endured more for him; and then they carried him into his Garden. He was earnestly desired by Thomas Magwire, then Parish Priest of Trim, to turn to Mass and he should have his Life; but he with wonderful Magnanimity slighted and refused, saying, He had lived in the true Faith of Christ Jesus, and he would die in it; at which words several of them Cut him; and one of them cutting his Cheek almost off, asking him

him again if he would turn, and undauntedly he gave them the same answer: upon which they immediately hanged him upon an Apple-Tree, together with one James Hawkin, his Son-in-Law, and one James Willson, they themselves wondering at his Courage. Of the rest, one Child was burned in the House, some of the Men shot into the Garden, and the rest brought with great Pageantry shouting and scoffing into the Streets of the Town, having their Heads struck off with an Hatchet. One Mr. James Preflick a Minister, did by great Providence escape out of a back Window, they having designed great Tortures for him. The Women were only stript; one of which did push privately an Irish Serjeant off the Battlements into the Fire, where he was burnt; he having offered Violence unto her. And soon after, some of these Barbarous people beset the House of one Richard Morthington, near Trim, who with his Wife escaped in the Night; they Kill'd the Children, and the poor Mother returning the next day to bring away her Children, was by some that stayed plundering the House, Strangled in her own Hair, which was very long. These are the only memorable Murthers at that time committed here; but no Age nor History can, I presume, parallell the horrid Massacres committed in this Country, and all other parts of this Kingdom, as is best known to your Lordship, who was most miraculously preserved in the midst of their Bloudy Cruelties. I might Write of many other Barbarous Actions, which many yet living can make Oath on; but this is all at present to Command from, my Lord, your Lordships most Affectionate humble Servant,

RICHARD TENNISON.

A Friar with some Soldiers undertaking to Conduct Mr. Thomas Walker a Minister, his Man and two Gentlewomen, from Roskerch to Allyboile, the Friar rid away, they fell into an ambush laid for them, where Mr. Walker being on his Knees at Prayer they Cleft his Scull to the Mouth, Killed his Man, and stript the Women stark Naked as they were Born; one of the Women being afterwards Murthered near Ballymeat.

Thirty five Men, Women, and Children Killed and Murthered, near Ballykerch. These two are attested by John Shrawley Clerk. Mr. William Ollifant Clerk, stript, and half Hang'd at the Temple-House in the Com Sligoe, and after dragged with a Rope about his Neck at Horses Heels up and down, because he would not turn Papist.

Another

Another Minister at the same time Murthered. This was about the middle of *February*. Attested by *Andrew Adave Esq;* and *John Harrison Esq;*

Ten Men, Women and Children buried alive near *Temple-House*. As was attested by *Henry Langford*.

Thirty or forty English, formerly turned Papists, driven and forced into the Sea and drowned. Attested by *H. Bringhamst*.

A young Boy killed by one that had been his School-master, the Boy all the while crying, *Good Master do not kill me, but whip me as much as you will*. Also a Man wounded and buried alive, and a Minister murdered after he had been at Mass.

On the 19th. of *January* a hundred and twenty Men, Women and Children stripped naked, and after murdered.

Twenty four English at the Silver Mines in the County of *Tipperary*, after they had revolted to Mass, were murdered. Attested by *R. Bank*.

*Mr. William Laffen*, and *Mr. Thomas Fullerton*, Ministers, kept two days without Meat or Drink, and then murdered near the Mannor of *Hamilton*, the 24th. of *Jan*. 241.

An English Child taken by the Irish, and its Brains dashed out against a Log of Timber. Attested by *Andrew Adave Esq;*

In the County of *Tyrone*, *Robert Bickerdick* and his Wife drowned in *Black Water*.

*James Carlisle* and his Wife also murdered; and so were above four-score and seventeen more.

About 300 murdered in the way to *Colrain*, as is attested by *John Perkins*.

In and about *Dungannon* were murdered 300 and 16; between *Charlemont* and *Dungannon*, about 400 murdered and drowned; and in the River of *Benbard* and *Black Water* 200 and 6. Attested by Captain *Anthony Strustford*.

Thirteen murdered in one morning by *Patrick Mac Crew* of *Dungannon*; and two young Rebels did murder in the County of *Tyrone* one hundred and forty Women and Children.

The Wife of *Brian Kelly* murdered forty five with her own hands. As was attested by Captain *Stratford*.

18 Scotch-men hanged on Clothiers Tenter-hooks, and one young fat Scotch-man murdered, and Candles made of his grease.

Another Scotch-man's Belly was ript up, and the end of his small  
Guts.



Guts tied to a Tree, then he drawn about till his Guts were pulled out, that they might try (say they) whether a Dog's, or a Scotch-man's Guts were longest. Attested *Idem*.

Three hundred Protestants stript naked, and put into the Church of *Loughgall*, where about a hundred were murdered within the Church; among whom *John Greg*, was quartered alive, and his Quarters thrown into the Face of *Richard Greg* his Father; the said *Richard* was after there murdered, having received 17 or 18 Wounds, after that cut into Quarters in his Wives Presence; and such as were not murdered were turned out a Begging, amongst the Irish, naked, and into the Cold; most of which were killed by Irish Cripples, their Trulls and Children. Attested by *A. Gregg*.

Three Men had their Brains knockt out with an Hatchet, within the Church of *Henburb*. Eight Women drowned in a River near the same Church. As is attested by *John Pary*.

An Estimate of a number of Protestants in the Province of *Ulster*, that were murdered by the Irish in the late Rebellion, in the year 41 and 42, - as appears by several Persons upon Oath, before the Commissioners appointed by his late Majesty, were 1419. An account of the British Protestants that were murdered by the Irish in the several Parishes, Men, Women and Children, came to 100 and 5000. Also an account of the British Protestants murthered in the North of *Ireland*, were 100 and 5000. Attested by Mr. *Maxwell*, by an account taken by the Rebels of the Murthers they had committed.

Letters from *Ireland* give an Account, that the Earl of *Tryconmel* doth use great Cruelties to the Protestants, and is marching to the North of that Kingdom to suppress the Protestants there in Arms. Great numbers 'tis said do leave that Kingdom.

**F I N I S.**